

Motlow College's Harlan Stockton shares secrets of irises and hosta with classes

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*If Winter comes, can Spring
be far behind?*

*"Ode to the West Wind"
— Percy Bysshe Shelley*

In the midst of the dull, dreary and depressing landscape of winter, one begins to hunt for signs of spring, whether it's the first crocus peeping through dead grasses, or the first gardener clearing out those dead grasses.

For those blessed with green thumbs, the explosion of colorful blooms that heralds spring begins with planning and work in the winter.

For those who aren't quite sure which end of the trowel goes into the dirt, there is hope. Harlan Stockton, director of media services at Motlow State Community College, will be teaching two garden-oriented community service classes this semester on the Moore County campus.

"This Iris Is for You: Growing the Rainbow Flower" will be offered from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29. "Hosta — A Plant Whose Time Has Arrived" will be offered on two
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Hosta La Vista



Adding hosta, like this ward-winning Yellow River variety, to the garden can turn a humdrum yard into a horticultural show place. Hosta enthusiasts are now breeding some varieties for the fragrant blooms.

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